AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for performing a predetermined process in accordance with ~~an~~ a user operation on a touch panel overlaid on a display, the apparatus comprising:

detecting means for detecting a change in [[the]] an aspect ratio of images to be displayed in the display;

changing means for changing [[the]] a size of [[each]] operation buttons ~~button to be~~ displayed superimposed on the images and [[the]] a size of a sensitive area of the touch panel where [[a]] user operations of ~~operation for~~ the operation buttons are [[is]] recognized, in accordance with the detection by the detecting means;

determining means for determining [[which]] an operation button that corresponds to the user operation on the touch panel; and

generating means for generating a command to perform [[a]] the predetermined process in accordance with the determination by the determining means, wherein

~~in a case where~~ when ~~any of~~ the operation button ~~buttons~~ is continuously operated before and after the detection of the change in aspect ratio~~, so long as~~ and the predetermined process is a ~~operation button to instruct a~~ continuous process ~~is operated before the detection of the change in aspect ratio~~, the generating means generates a command to perform the ~~continuous~~ predetermined process while the

operation button is operated, ~~corresponding to the operation button~~ regardless of another operation button operated after the detection of the change in aspect ratio.

2. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for performing a predetermined process in accordance with ~~an~~ a user operation on a touch panel overlaid on a display, the method comprising:

~~a detecting step of~~ detecting a change in [[the]] an aspect ratio of images to be displayed in the display;

~~a changing step of~~ changing [[the]] a size of [[each]] operation buttons ~~button to be~~ displayed superimposed on the images and [[the]] a size of a sensitive area of the touch panel where [[a]] user operations of ~~operation for~~ the operation buttons are [[is]] recognized, in accordance with the detecting ~~detection in the detecting step~~;

~~a determining step of~~ determining ~~which~~ an operation button that corresponds to the user operation on the touch panel; and

~~a generating step of~~ generating a command to perform [[a]] the predetermined process in accordance with the determining ~~determination in the determining step~~, wherein

~~in the generating step, in a case where any of~~ when the operation button ~~buttons~~ is continuously operated before and after the detection of the change in aspect ratio~~, so long as~~ and the predetermined process is ~~the operation button to instruct~~ a continuous process ~~is operated before the detection of the change in aspect ratio~~, the generating further generates a command to perform the predetermined ~~continuous~~ process while the operation button is operated, ~~corresponding to the operation button is generated~~

regardless of another operation button operated after the detection of the change in aspect ratio.

3. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing program instructions, which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform a method for performing a predetermined process in accordance with ~~an~~ a user operation on a touch panel overlaid on a display, ~~the program allowing a computer to execute a process~~ the method comprising:

~~a detecting step of~~ detecting a change in [[the]] an aspect ratio of images to be displayed in the display;

~~a changing step of~~ changing [[the]] a size of [[each]] operation buttons ~~button to be~~ displayed superimposed on the images and [[the]] a size of a sensitive area of the touch panel where [[a]] user operations of ~~operation for~~ the operation buttons are [[is]] recognized, in accordance with the detecting ~~detection in the detecting step~~;

~~a determining step of~~ determining ~~which~~ an operation button that corresponds to the user operation on the touch panel; and

~~a generating step of~~ generating a command to perform [[a]] the predetermined process in accordance with the determining ~~determination in the determining step~~, wherein

~~in the generating step, in a case where any of~~ when the operation button ~~buttons~~ is continuously operated before and after the detection of the change in aspect ratio, ~~so long as~~ and the predetermined process is ~~the operation button to instruct~~ a continuous process ~~is operated before the detection of the change in aspect ratio~~, the generating

further generates a command to perform the predetermined ~~continuous~~ process while the operation button is operated, ~~corresponding to the operation button is generated~~ regardless of another operation button operated after the detection of the change in aspect ratio.

4. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for performing a predetermined process in accordance with ~~an~~ a user operation on a touch panel overlaid on a display, the apparatus comprising:

detecting means for detecting a change in [[the]] an aspect ratio of images to be displayed in the display;

changing means for changing [[the]] a size of [[each]] operation buttons ~~button to be~~ displayed superimposed on the images and [[the]] a size of a sensitive area of the touch panel where [[a]] user operations of ~~operation for~~ the operation buttons are [[is]] recognized, in accordance with the detection by the detecting means;

determining means for determining [[which]] an operation button that corresponds to the user operation on the touch panel; and

generating means for generating a command to perform [[a]] the predetermined process in accordance with the determination by the determining means, wherein

~~in a case where any of~~ when the operation button ~~buttons~~ is continuously operated before and after the detection of the change in aspect ratio, the generating means generates a command to stop [[a]] the predetermined process that is being executed, the predetermined process corresponding to the operation button operated before the detection of the change in aspect ratio.

5. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for performing a predetermined process in accordance with ~~an~~ a user operation on a touch panel overlaid on a display, the method comprising:

~~a detecting step of~~ detecting a change in [[the]] an aspect ratio of images to be displayed in the display;

~~a changing step of~~ changing [[the]] a size of [[each]] operation buttons ~~button to be~~ displayed superimposed on the images and [[the]] a size of a sensitive area of the touch panel where [[a]] user operations of ~~operation for~~ the operation buttons are [[is]] recognized, in accordance with the detecting ~~detection in the detecting step~~;

~~a determining step of~~ determining ~~which~~ an operation button that corresponds to the user operation on the touch panel; and

~~a generating step of~~ generating a command to perform [[a]] the predetermined process in accordance with the determining ~~determination in the determining step~~, wherein

~~in the generating step, in a case where any of~~ when the operation button ~~buttons~~ is continuously operated before and after the detection of the change in aspect ratio, a command to stop [[a]] the predetermined process that is being executed is generated, the predetermined process corresponding to the operation button operated before the detection of the change in aspect ratio.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing program instructions, which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform a

method for performing a predetermined process in accordance with ~~an~~ a user operation on a touch panel overlaid on a display, ~~the program allowing a computer to execute a process~~ the method comprising:

~~a detecting step of~~ detecting a change in [[the]] an aspect ratio of images to be displayed in the display;

~~a changing step of~~ changing [[the]] a size of [[each]] operation buttons ~~button to be~~ displayed superimposed on the images and [[the]] a size of a sensitive area of the touch panel where [[a]] user operations of ~~operation for~~ the operation buttons are [[is]] recognized, in accordance with the detecting ~~detection in the detecting step~~;

~~a determining step of~~ determining ~~which~~ an operation button that corresponds to the user operation on the touch panel; and

~~a generating step of~~ generating a command to perform [[a]] the predetermined process in accordance with the determining ~~determination in the determining step~~, wherein

~~in the generating step, in a case where any of~~ when the operation button ~~buttons~~ is continuously operated before and after the detection of the change in aspect ratio, a command to stop [[a]] the predetermined process that is being executed is generated, the predetermined process corresponding to the operation button operated before the detection of the change in aspect ratio.

7. (New) The information processing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the continuous process comprises at least one of rewind and fast forward.

8. (New) The information processing method of claim 2, wherein the continuous process comprises at least one of rewind and fast forward.

9. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 3, wherein the continuous process comprises at least one of rewind and fast forward.